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Puppy Health Care Recommendations

Age	Description
8 weeks	Examination with: 1st DAPPV vaccine BORDETELLA Vaccine (kennel cough) Deworming Medication
12 weeks	Examination with: 2nd DAPPV vaccine BORDETELLA Vaccine (kennel cough) * If not given at 8wk exam +/- Deworming Medication
16 weeks	Examination with: PARVO Vaccine RABIES Vaccine +/- Deworming Medication
6 Months – 18 Months (as recommended)	Spay (Ovariohysterectomy) ** females in heat/pregnant/mature or obese = additional charge Neuter Options at the time of Surgery: Tattoo (registry is province wide) Microchip (registry international)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During these visits the veterinarian does a complete physical exam of your puppy and discusses: deworming, flea control, proper diet, dental care, training and any other concerns you may have. You will be given our special "Puppy Kit" full of educational materials. This is a good time to initiate pet insurance for your pet. 	

Annual or Semi-Annual Health Care Recommendations

Yearly or as recommended	Examination with: DA2P vaccine (3 year) BORDETELLA vaccine (every 6-12 months) RABIES - every 3 years Deworming Medication recommended
Optional	Non-Core Vaccines Available: Leptospirosis, Lyme, Giardia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the annual examination the health and wellness of your pet will be assessed. The Dr. will discuss: diet, changes in weight or appetite, water intake, behavior changes, abnormal teeth or gums, lethargy, diarrhea or vomiting, changes in skin or hair coat, flea and parasite control. 	

General Information for Dog Owners:

1. **DAPPV Vaccine** - is a "multi-vaccine" that will protect your dog from Canine Distemper, Adenovirus, Parvovirus (causing diarrhea) and the respiratory virus Parainfluenza.
2. **DAP Vaccine** – is a 3 way vaccine (Distemper, Adenovirus, Parvovirus) given every 3 years after 1 year of age.
3. **LYME Vaccine** - will protect your dog from the "tick-borne" bacterial disease. The risk your pet faces varies by the season and region. If you are hiking, camping and in wooded areas or trails it may be a concern. Ticks are most active from April-November.
4. **Leptospirosis Vaccine** – Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease which is carried by wildlife such as raccoons. It can cause liver and kidney failure in domestic animals and is a zoonotic disease (can affect humans).
5. **Bordetella Vaccine** - "Kennel Cough" is an infection much like colds in humans. The air-borne Bordetella organism is easily transmitted by other dogs causing upper respiratory irritation and coughing. It may be a concern if your dog is around other dogs.
6. **RABIES vaccine** - is recommended for any dog going outdoors. Rabies can be transmitted by bats, raccoons and skunks. It is especially important to vaccinate cats as most rabies cases in domestic animal occur in cats and it can be a threat to humans.
7. **HEARTWORM TESTING & PREVENTION**- if you are traveling off Vancouver Island this is a consideration for your dog. Heartworm is spread by infected mosquitoes and can be a life-threatening parasite. Blood tests are recommended to check your dog before starting the preventative medication (treatment usually May-November).
8. **DEWORMING**- Many puppies are born with worms or acquire them soon after birth. We recommend you deworm your puppy for roundworms as directed by your veterinarian starting as early as 6 weeks of age. Tapeworms are acquired from ingesting fleas or small rodents and require treatment with the appropriate medication.
9. **FLEAS** - are a major problem in Victoria! We recommend an "integrated flea control program", with the elimination of fleas with safe topical products and prevention of future flea generations with Program™.
10. **DIET** - we recommend a good quality puppy/growth food such as " Royal Canin Development" for the first 4-12 months of age then changing to a maintenance diet (this will vary with the different breeds). Feed your dog at set times of the day and keep track of the amount you feed daily.
11. **DENTAL CARE** - dental disease is common in pets. Teach your puppy early that examining its mouth and brushing the teeth are a part of its routine care. We have a full range of dental products and can show you how to use them.
12. **TRAINING** - many "puppy classes" are available locally. Several groups in town offer obedience training for dogs over 6 months of age. Once your dog is trained your lifetime experience will be enjoyable.
13. **PET INSURANCE** - is highly recommended to offset the large expenses of medical problems or injury. To avoid disaster, check out the brochures today.
14. **PET IDENTIFICATION** - Tattooing is available at our hospital. As part of a province wide registration program, your pet will have a unique ID number to identify it, if lost or injured. Microchip ID will identify your pet worldwide. Both procedures can be done at the same time as spaying or neutering. A microchip can also be inserted during a regular appointment.
15. **Health Pets and Kids** – learn more on the website: www.growingupwithpets.ca